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1. Charitable Society for Social Welfare*

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Charitable Society for Social Welfare (CSSW) aims mainly at providing an effective charity model. It strongly participates in national, social development and poverty alleviation. During the period 2000 - 2003, there was an increase in its geographical gross membership by 1,400 members (17.06%). Within the captioned years, CSSW managed to gain the confidence of the United Nations Agencies, the other international and non-governmental organizations, which resulted in receiving funds and support.

In 2000, CSSW attended some of the conferences of non-governmental organizations organized by the Non-Governmental Organizations Committee of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. It attended the Conference on 1999 Resumed Session - Attendance that was held in New York on Jan. 17th – 28th 2000, and also, the Conference on Social Development - Attendance that was held in Geneva on June 26th – 30th 2000.

CSSW, jointly, with the United Nations Agencies in Yemen undertook several projects. The Society signed an agreement with **UNDP** to implement a Micro-Start Project for the period 2000 - 2002. In this process, UNDP provided an amount of USD.150,OOO. CSSW participated as a coordinator for NGOs during the design of National Strategy of Poverty Alleviation that is directly conducted by UNDP experts and inter-sectoral team. Through its membership in the National Committee for Disaster Preparedness, the Society could be one of the implementing agencies of the "National Program for Disaster Preparedness, Management and Recovery".

Through a signed partnership agreement with **UNFPA**, CSSW implements a project of Reproductive Health & Family Planning (RH/FP). UNFPA supports the infrastmcture of CSSW via providing medical equipments for 17 RH/FP centers, basic training, a master degree scholarship for one of the project's leading staff outside Yemen, and co-funding a short training course (Management Tools of RH) for the leading health staff of the Society and another short training course (Policy & Presentation Skills in RH) for three leading staff in Egypt. With regards of CSSW's close partnership, UNFPA mentioned in the "Country Population Assessment - Yemen (2001)" P.19 that *The Charitable Society for Social Welfare (CSSW), the largest NGO in Yemen, with a wide range of services in education, health, social services and relief operations has also been involved in population and RH advocacy activities"* .

CSSW shared knowledge information in the field of population and RH/FP. It benefited from consultants and experts in the field of RH/FP. The Society, also, participated in the 2nd Country Population Assessment - Yemen (2001), and participated actively in workshops of design of the 3d Country Program 2002 - 2006, which where considered to be as training sessions for CSSWs staff. Also, It participated in the workshops and events organized by UNFPA during 2000 - 2003.

In cooperation with UNFPA representative, the chairperson of the UNAIDs Theme Group, CSSW participated effectively in designing the National Strategy for control of HIV/AIDS. It acts as an implementing agency for the action plan of the National Strategy. The Society participated effectively in planning for and implementation of the National AIDS Campaign during 2002 - 2003. In addition, during 2002, UNFPA signed a grant agreement with CSSW to implement activities to raise awareness in RH/FP for refugees at Kharaz Camp.

Moreover, the Society represents the local partner with **UNHCR** because of its great contribution in providing health, education, nutrition and social services delivered to refugees. In 2000, CSSW signed an agreement for implementing a health care project in Al-Bassateen area - Aden Governorate. This agreement renewed annually, but with reduced budgets and very limited support from UNHCR. Since 1993, the Society established an elementary school in the refugees camp. in 1999, UNHCR started to provide limited support to this school. In

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2001, a partnership agreement was signed between the Society and UNHCR to implement a health care project and education services in the camp. Continuously, a new agreement was signed in 2003, in which the Society provides all services of the health care project, out of which it increases its contribution in the project. Besides that, UNHCR contributed to build the capacity of the Society via funding training courses for leading staff and to provide equipments and furniture for the health facilities and school. For the time being, the Society is planning to increase cooperation in this field with UNHCR.

In cooperation with **WHO,** the Society signed an agreement with the National Malaria Control Program to implement control operations in Warazan valley - Taiz Governorate and in Sah valley – Hadramout Governorate. It benefited from the technical assistance provided by the WHO Malaria consultant, and also, from the training courses in the field operations that were held in Oct. 2002. The Society participated effectively as a member in the National Coordination Committee of the Global Fund and in designing proposals in Malaria, Tuberculosis and AIDS. CSSW is negotiating to have some funds through WHO to conduct research and field studies on health. Regularly, WHO provides the Society with periodical publications in addition to knowledge information.

CSSW is working in close cooperation with the **UNV** program to achieve recognition, promotion and facilitation of voluntary work in the Yemeni community. Because of that, the Society was appointed to be the national focal point of the International Year for Volunteers (IYV). In this process, it worked together with *UNV* in motivating volunteers, production and distribution of Information Education Communication (IEC) materials, and sharing information. As a result of mutual cooperation, the Society participated in the symposium of closing ceremony of IYV in Geneva, which was co-funded with the *UNV* Program in Yemen.

In cooperation with **UNICEF** during the period of 2000 -2003, CSSW participated in 2 training courses funded by UNICEF and organized by the Ministry of Social Affairs through the Child Protection Project. It, also participated in **3** workshops in the field of nutrition and breastfeeding promotion organized by UNICEF. Meanwhile, CSSW is working on to sign a letter of understanding with UNICEF through the Child Development Project to implement activities in the fields of encouraging girls education, studies and researches and institutional support for the Society and to Osama Magazine - the only Yemeni children magazine.

As an active member in the Global Fund National Coordination Committee, CSSW achieved many activities that are considered to be a response to the implementation of the United Nations Resolutions. For example, with the emergence of WHO'S psychiatric health resolutions in the international day 2001, CSSW started a new psychiatric hospital for men in Sana'a which increased accessibility to this service in Yemen.

Within the process of AIDS, Malaria, and TB roll back programs, the Society participated effectively in designing proposals and execution of campaigns.

CSSW benefited from the missions held by many officials of the United Nations through consultation and close cooperation with consultants from UNFPA, WHO, UNAIDS, UNHCR and UNDP in different fields -population, development, reproductive health, family planning, information, education and communication.

In November 2001, CSSW represented the Republic of Yemen in the Symposium of the Closing Ceremony of International Year for Volunteers in Geneva. CSSW's executive director attended the symposium and presented a paper titled "Role of Volunteerism in Health in Yemen", specifying CSSW's achievements.

Health awareness campaign on HIV/AIDS for refugees was implemented by CSSW at Kharaz and Al-Bassateen areas in Aden and funded by UNHCR during the year of 2002 - 2003. As a joint activity, CSSW organized a workshop of International and National Non-Governmental Organizations in Sana'a in September 2002. The main theme was "Networking to Develop Capacity". Most of the United Nations agencies participated by presentations of papers in different fields such as basic minimum needs, program of malaria eradication in Socatra Island, capacity building and technical assistance for national societies, nutrition projects in the health field, . . . etc. The UN Agencies participation in this workshop was appreciated highly from other

2. International Association of Penal Law*

(Special consultative status granted in 1948)

1. XVII[th] International Congress of Penal Law

The International Association of Penal Law, an organization in consultative status with ECOSOC, devoted its activities to the preparation of its main scientific event, i.e. its quinquennial International Congress of Penal Law, which will be held in Beijing, China, in September 2004.

After the Budapest Congress in 1999, which covered for the first time in the history of the Association's Congresses a single subject, "Criminal Justice Systems - Facing the Challenge of Organized Crime", the forthcoming XVII* International Congress of Penal Law will again deal with different topics in the four traditional areas of AIDP-Congresses (1. Penal Law - General part; 2. Penal Law - Special Part, 3. Procedural law and 4. International Questions).

The XVII[th] International Congress of Penal Law will be held in Beijing, China, from 12 - 19 September 2004. In case of interest, more detailed information can be found on http://www. chinalawsocietv.com.

The four topics are

- Criminal Responsibility of Minors in National and International Legal Order;
- Corruption and Related Crimes in International Economic Activities; thereby contributing to United Nation's Global Program against Corruption;
- Principles of Criminal Procedure and their Application in Disciplinary Proceedings; and
- Concurrent National and International Jurisdiction and the Principle, Ne bis in idem'

These topics were prepared in preparatory colloquia held in Vienna, Tokyo, Santiago de Chile and in Berlin. The participants of these preparatory colloquia adopted on the basis of general reports draft resolutions for discussion and eventual endorsement by the Congress.

The national reports submitted to the Preparatory Colloquia as well as the General Reports and the Draft Resolutions were published in four consecutive volumes of the *Revue Internationale de Droit penal /International Review of Penal Law,* totaling over 2,200 pages.

Apart from these four topics the Congress will also deal in Round Table Discussions with the topics:

- Regional and National Patterns in the International Trafficking in Women and Children, thus discussing the effects of the Protocol to the Palermo Convention, and
- Computer Crimes, Cyber-Terrorism, Child Pornography and Financial Crimes which were also prepared in preparatory colloquia in Rio de Janeiro and in Athens.

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2. Corruption

With a view to United Nation's Global Program against Corruption the Association the Association did not only identify corruption as one of the four topics of the next International Congress of Penal Law (see above), but it organized also a seminar on the United Nations Convention against Corruption in Paris in spring 2003. This seminar was aimed at a broad discussion with AIDP Board-Members coming from all over the world.

Corruption was also a topic of the First Congress of Young Penalists (see below).

Moreover, the Young Penalists themselves organized another international seminar on "Corruption and Related Crimes in International Business Activities" in Budapest in September 2002.

3. Young Penalists

At its Congress in Budapest the International Association of Penal Law established a Committee of Young Penalists within the Association. The Association organized together with the Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences (ISISC) in Siracusa, Sicily, Italy, two Congresses of Young Penalists which discussed the following subjects:

First Congress of Young Penalists (June 2001)

- International Criminal Court - The Implementation in the National Legislations
- Computer Criminality
- International Trafficking in Women and Children and
- Corruption

The Second Conference of Young Penalists (June 2002) dealt with the topic "Contemporary Perspectives on Terrorism".

4. Information on the International Association of Penal Law

The International Association of Penal Law established a new website: http://www.penal.org, on which you can find general information on AIDP Activities.

Moreover you have access to general AIDP publications and to the *REVUE INTERNATIONALE DE DROIT PENAL* when you subscribed to it.

3. Medecins sans frontières*

(General consultative status granted in 2000)

Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) is one of the world's largest independent humanitarian medical organizations. Each year the organization sends more than 2,500 volunteer doctors, nurses, other medical professionals, logistics experts, water/sanitation engineers, and administrators to join 15,000 locally hired staff who provide medical aid in nearly 80 countries. Medecins Sans Frontieres assists victims of armed conflict, epidemics, and natural and man-made disasters, as well as populations lacking health care due to geographic or social isolation. In 1999, the organization was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

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Medecins Sans Frontieres's international network is comprised of 18 national sections: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China (Hong Kong Special Administrative Region), Denmark, France, Germany, Netherlands, Italy, Japan, Luxemburg, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States. The International Secretariat, based in Brussels, coordinates liaison activities in Geneva and New York with other international organizations and with the United Nations, including the Member States of ECOSOC. Medecins Sans Frontieres gained special consultative status to ECOSOC in 1993, and was upgraded to "general status" in 2000.

The vast majority of Medecins Sans Frontieres's revenue comes from some 2 million individual private donors around the world. Medecins Sans Frontieres also receives grants from international organizations and governments for up to 20% of its total resources, of which about 2% comes from UNHCR and UNICEF (based on 2002 figures). With these funds, Medecins Sans Frontieres provided basic health care to repatriated refugees in Angola, assisted refugees of Myanmar along the Myanmar-Thailand border, provided medical care to Angolan and Congolese refugees in Zambia, and assisted displaced populations in other crisis situations.

In an effort to improve the situation of populations in crisis, Medecins Sans Frontieres unites direct medical care with a commitment to bearing witness and speaking out. Based on direct field experience, Medecins Sans Frontieres brings specific information from the field about the situation and the plight of the people whom we are assisting, raising concerns when, for instance, protection of civilians is insufficient or inadequate. Where and when appropriate, Medecins Sans Frontieres also expresses concerns about the quality and effectiveness of relief actions, and the obstacles placed in their way, such as insecurity for aid workers and lack of access to populations in need.

Medecins Sans Frontieres considers that the United Nations is a critical forum to engage and address Member States, particularly at the Security Council. Medecins Sans Frontieres also recognizes the key role that the UN Secretariat and UN agencies, each with their specific responsibilities, play in the humanitarian field, and is committed to dialogue, exchange and cooperation when appropriate.

In the past 5 years, Medecins Sans Frontieres has actively engaged the United Nations, in the field and in Geneva and in New York. Medecins Sans Frontieres representatives have participated in numerous "Arria meetings" of the Security Council to brief its members on particularly urgent or important issues, including the protection of civilians in armed conflict (April, 2000) and on the humanitarian situations in Liberia (October, 2001), Angola (March, 2002), the Mano River Region (May, 2002), Iraq (April, 2003) and again in Liberia (September, 2003). Medecins Sans Frontieres's UN representatives also participated in a number of conferences, notably on the Brahimi report, and in symposia organized by the International Peace Academy, such as "The Responsibility to Protect" (February 2002) and "The United Nations Security Council and Civil Society: the Evolving Agenda and Partnership" (April 2003).

In 1999, Medecins Sans Frontieres launched a campaign to address the lack of access to essential medicines for most of the world's most vulnerable people. Medecins Sans Frontieres has established a strong dialogue both in the field and at the international level with representatives of governments, WHO, UNAIDs, UNICEF, WTO and the World Bank to identify and overcome barriers to access to essential medicines in the field, ensure that patient rights come before patent rights, and stimulate research and development for neglected diseases. Medecins Sans Frontieres also remains engaged with the International Co-ordination Group (ICG), created along with UNICEF and WHO in 1997, to ensure better co-ordination to guarantee the availability of vaccine stocks for meningitis. In 2001, MSF actively participated in the UN General Assembly Special Session on AIDS (UNGASS).

In addition, Medecins Sans Frontieres's representatives to the UN in New York and Geneva participate in weekly meetings of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), chaired by the office of the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator. Similar meetings are held in Geneva with ICVA and the Steering Committee for Humanitarian Response (SCHR), an alliance of humanitarian aid and relief organizations. Over the past two years, Medecins Sans Frontieres has chaired the SCHR, and as such, has represented the alliance in various fora. In many occasions, Medecins Sans Frontieres's representatives have discussed the dire situation of refugees and displaced populations with UNHCR, WFP and OCHA officials. Medecins Sans Frontieres also has, on numerous occasions, held meetings with representatives of the UN Secretariat, agencies, and Member States both in New York and Geneva in an effort to improve the humanitarian response for specific crises. Besides these many formal meetings and committees, informal consultation and information exchange at every level takes place on a regular basis between MSF, UN representatives, donor countries and Members States of the United Nations, both at headquarters and in the field.

4. World Human Dimension*

(Special consultative status granted in 2000)

Purpose and activities: the purposes of the WHD as stated in its Charter are as follows:

"Formation of the property, assets and material base for financing WHD activities; consolidation of intellectual potential of Foundation's members in implementations of programs and projects to promote national progress towards socially and economically developed society based on law."

Reference books on non-governmental organizations contain the following information about the profile of the WHD:

"Established in June 1991 and registered as a non-profit Foundation by the Ministry of Justice of Russia. Basic activities involve initiating concerted actions of private organizations and NGOs in humanitarian field, participating in and co-sponsoring conferences and programs on international and UN related matters such as a Development, IC Technologies, Environment and Environmental Monitoring, Drug Problem, Human Rights, etc. Closely cooperates with EMERCOM of Russia in implementation of humanitarian projects. Associates with UN Secretariat's Department of Public Information and has a Special Consultative Status with Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Also associates with the International Association of Lions Clubs".

Association with profile organizations and NGOs:

WHD activity is carried out through association with national and international profile organizations and NGOs.

In April 2001 WHD became a member of the NGO Council to the State Duma of the Russian Federation. The NGO Council's agenda often deals with the UN related matters ("International Cooperation, Civil Diplomacy, Peacemaking"; " Globalism in a Contemporary World", etc.).

For the reported period close relationship has been established with International Association of Lions Clubs (WHD has co-sponsored several Youth Exchange programs during summers of 2000, 2001, 2002) and Peace on the Planet, Canada (WHD and Peace on the Planet sponsored in 2002-2003 an International Children's Drawings project under the theme "Children of the World against Violence, Children of the World are Drawing Peace").

WHD is a member of the NGO and Charities Committee of the American Chamber of Commerce in Russia and Ukraine. The agenda items of the Committee often relate to the international problems of the NGOs ("Legal problems confronting NGO and Charities Organizations. International Experience", February 5, 2002).

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WHD closely monitors agenda of and attends seminars and conferences organized by the national NGOs and the UN Information Center in Moscow (International Seminar "Ecotourism, a Tool for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century in the transitional economies of the CIS countries" in 2002; seminar at the UN Information Center on "UN political, economical and social programs for the youth representatives from Russian regions" in June 2002 and the round table "Development of Institutes of Civil Society in Contemporary Russia" in June 2, 2003).

WHD succeeded in organizing the international conference "Social Liability of Business in Russia" under sponsorship of UNESCO. Two stages of the conference were held in Moscow respectively in May and September 2001.

WHD association with the UN:

WHD participates on a regular basis in the annual DPI/NGO conferences of non-governmental organizations. WHD's delegates to the conference in 2002 and 2003 were invited to participate in the UN radio programs. WHD delegates were also received by Mr. Giandomenico Picco, Personal Representative of the Secretary General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations. A WHD delegate spoke at one of the panels of the 2002 conference.

In March 2003 WHD delegates participated in the 47th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women and presented "A Book of Peace" to the Dag Hummarskjold Library.

For the reported period WHD has participated in the work of the Committee on Teaching about the United Nations (Conference "Environment, Education and the United Nations", 11 January, 2002, UN Headquarters, New York; Conference "Literacy Now: Building AN Educated World", 31 January, 2003, UN Headquarters, New York).

WHD has also become an active participant of the Aid and Trade Exhibitions in Europe organized by the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS) in 2002, 2003 and 2004 (January 28-29).

Several magazines and journals carried analytical material by our representatives in New York Ms. Valentina Golubnichy which dwelt upon humanitarian activates of the United Nations and the role of the International Aid and Trade Exhibitions in international humanitarian assistance.

Current projects:

From July 2003 the WHD Foundation has been engaged in implementing the project "Computer Bank of the Sign Languages with Internet Access" for the better worldwide communication between the hearing people and the deaf and hard of hearing. The project is being implemented in association with the International Lions Club and aims to receive a Designated Gant from the International Lions Club.

Currently and through September 2004 WHD will be also involved in implementing the project in support of the participation of the Russian Team of sportsmen with physical disabilities in Paralympics Games in Greece in September 2004. The program was advertised at the First International "Sport' 04" Exhibition which took place in Moscow from March 31 through April 2 2004 where the WHD took part as an NGO.

Both projects meet goals established by the UN General Assembly resolution No 48/96 "Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities" of 20 December, 1993.